(b) During the years 2001-02 and 2002-03, the subsidy has been utilized by the Food Corporation of India as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Consumer Subsidy	Buffer	Total Subsidy
2001-02	10842.10	5881.90	16724.00
2002-03	16700.62	5973.10	22673.72

(c) The value of transit loss for the years 2001-02 and 2002-03 are as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Amount
2001-02(Provisional)	118.33
2002-03 (Provisional)	108.29

Creation of sugar buffer stock

2601. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create a buffer stock of sugar;

(b) if so, the quantity of sugar in the proposed stock of sugar; and

(c) the estimate of sugar production in this year's ending *i.e.* September, 2003 and what was the sugar production last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) Government have already created a buffer stock of 20 lakh tonnes of sugar for a period of one year from 18.12.2002 to 17.12.2003.

(c) The production of sugar in the sugar season 2002-03 (October-September) is provisionally estimated at about 200 lakh tonnes. The production of sugar in the sugar season 2001-02 was 185.25 lakh tonnes (Provisional).